Delhi Act to prevent property tax evasion effectively based on the study report of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances;

(b) if so what are the steps taken and being taken in this regard; and

(c) what were the recommendations contained in this study report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The Study Report of the Department of Administrative Reforms was received by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in December, 1985. No decision has yet been taken by them. The Study Report, *inter-alia* suggested payment of House Tax on self-assessment basis, deletion of proviso to Section 126 (1) of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, change in procedure for determining rateable value, etc.

Construction of cities for the ex-servicemen

967. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct cities for ex-servicemen in border areas of the country for developmental purposes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the places where such cities are likely to be constructed and in what manner their priority is likely to be decided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) There s no proposal as such under Government's consideration for construction of cities for ex-servicemen in border areas of the country for developmental purposes. However, among the measures being undertaken to bring about development of border areas under the Border Areas Development Programme, it has been suggested to the State Governments concerned to take up schemes for resettlement of ex-servicemen wherever land is available in the border areas. The Border Areas Development Programme is being undertaken in the western border States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab.

Development of irrigation projects in Marathwada region

968. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item oppearing in the 'Times of India' dated the 17th September, 1986 which emphasising urgent development of irrigation facilities for the Marathwada region of Maharashtra for the development of agriculture; and

(b) if so, what are the central projects envisaged for this chronically backward and drought affected areas under the Seventh Plan period economic development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Presumably the Hon'ble M.P. is referring to the news item appearing in the TIMES OF INDIA of 17th September, 1986 entitled "Bringing water to their lands".

(b) Irrigation is a State subject, and irrigation projects are entirely funded from the State Plan. Hence, there are no Central projects to finAnce such schemes.

सेवानिवृत्त होने वाले सैनिकों के लिये रोजगार योजनाएं

969. **श्री नरेश सी० पुगलिया :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हर साल लगभग 50 से 55 हजार ऐसे सैनिक सेवानिवृत्त होते हैं जिनमें से कुछ अपना